

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: February 10, 2016

SUBJECT: **Miami Beach Teen Club Mentor Program**

The purpose of this LTC is to inform the Commission about the Miami Beach Teen Club Mentor Program, which is presently offered at the Scott Rakow Youth Center. The program has twenty registered participants who volunteer Monday through Friday, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. These Teen Club members attend Miami Beach Senior High and range in grades from 9th through 12th.

All members must meet certain requirements to be eligible mentors for the Teen Club Mentor Program. These requirements include two years of participation in our After-school program and 40 hours of community service. Half of our Teen Club Mentors have also been part of the City of Miami Beach Summer Counselor in Training Program and have collectively accumulated over 400 community service hours, which has provided them with experience in recreational programming. A Teen Club Mentor's duties consist of, but are not limited to, shadowing coaches in specific group settings, assisting a special needs buddy, escorting children to and from certain areas, distributing snacks, cleaning areas and setting up games and activities.

This program has been praised by the parents of the After-school Program at Scott Rakow Youth Center and the Parks and Recreation Department looks forward to expanding it in the summer.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Cindy Casanova at (305) 673-7730.

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